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SUBJECT: LOS MEETING 4 AND 5 OF MARCH IN PORT MORESBY

1. DFA HAS REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY PASS ON FOLLOWING INVITATION FROM PNG GOVERNMENT TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER. MESSAGE HAS BEEN PASSED TO OTHER INVITEES BY DFA. QTE. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS: DIR SIR:

LAW OF THE SEA MEETING ON 4TH-5TH MARCH, 1975
IN PORT MORESBY

2. QTE. YOU WILL RECALL THAT LAST YEAR THE DIRECTOR OF SPEC CONVENED A MEETING ON THE 30TH-31ST MAY IN SUVA IN RESPONSE TO A SUGGESTION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN SAMOA. THE PURPOSE OF THAT MEETING WAS TO EXPLORE THE ISSUES ON THE LAW OF THE SEA SO THAT A COMMON VIEWPOINT ON AT LEAST SOME MATTERS COULD BE PRESENTED AT THE CARACAS SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE.

3. QTE. THE GOVERNMENT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA NOW PROPOSES TO CONVENE A MEETING ON AN INFORMAL BASIS SO AS TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STATES IN THE REGION TO DISCUSS THE LAW OF THE SEA ISSUES IMPORTANT TO THE REGION, PRIOR TO THE GENEVA SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE. WE HAVE CONSULTED THE GOVERNMENT OF
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AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND FIJI AS WELL AS SPEC AND HAVE

RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT. BECAUSE OF THE INFORMAL NATURE OF THE MEETING, WE DO NOT INTEND TO CIRCULATE A DRAFT AGENDA IN ADVANCE, BUT ALL TOPICS RAISED AT THE 1974 TALKS MIGHT BE DISCUSSED.

4. QTE. WE ARE NOW MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETING TO TAKE PLACE ON THE 4TH AND 5TH MARCH, 1975 AND WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE YOUR GOVERNMENT'S PARTICIPATION. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION WILL BE RESERVED IF REQUESTED, AND PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS ARE INVITED TO SEND PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES AND THE NAMES OF DELEGATES.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,

(T. TOBUNBUN)

A/SECRETARY

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